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25. — *The Greyson Letters: Selections from the Correspondence of R. E. H. GREYSON, Esq.* Edited by HENRY ROGERS. Boston: Gould and Lincoln. 1857. 12mo. pp. 518.

WE have two opinions about the Greyson Letters. If they had been portions of an actual correspondence, we should have deemed their author among the most agreeable epistolary writers of modern times. But if Mr. Rogers had any high philosophic aim in the construction of these imaginary letters, he has not made it manifest. Some portions of the book are simply amusing; others treat seriously the gravest problems in morals, sociology, and religion. The writer's humor, though it often compels to laughter, has really nothing mirthful about it, but is his mode of expressing disparagement, contempt, scorn, and indignation. His best *bon-mots* remind us of the grim wit which flowed from John Foster's pen when he was really angry. Mr. Rogers is a keen logician, rather than an able reasoner. His logomachy is irresistible; with many of his conclusions we coincide; but we can hardly conceive of his ability to alter our convictions on any point. His reverence for revelation and its highest truths is profound; but it seems to us the reverence of a Jew rather than of a Christian, the putting off of the shoes rather than the opening of the heart, keeping ward in the outer court rather than entering behind the rent veil. There is thus, on all these themes, a lack of tenderness, fervor, pathos, — in fine, of the kind of eloquence which helps the reason through the affections; and his whole manner seems to us to be characterized by those contradictions in terms, — earnestness unfeigned, but heartless, and zeal intense, but cold.

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26. — *The Hand-Book of Household Science. A Popular Account of Heat, Light, Air, Aliment, and Cleansing, in their Scientific Principles and Domestic Applications. With numerous Illustrative Diagrams.* By EDWARD L. YOUMANS. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1857. 12mo. pp. 447.

WE are amazed at the amount of scientific matter condensed and simplified in this volume. It serves a double purpose, in expounding the phenomena of every day's experience, and, wherever there is a choice of methods, in suggesting the best modes of doing things. Thus, on that theme of universal interest in our climate, the heating of houses, and on that still more vital, though shamefully neglected concern, their